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The present owner is Walter Tatsch, San Antonio, Texas, who acquired the property by purchase from the other heirs in 1930. The house is unoccupied.

Miss Caroline Tatsch, Walter Tatsch's aunt, lived there until her death in 1929. The place has always belonged to the Tatsch family and was built by John Peter Tatsch, shortly after his emigration from Germany in 1852. John Peter was the father of Caroline, and the grandfather of Walter. He died in 1907, after which Caroline lived in the house alone.

After Walter acquired the place, he did considerable renovation work, in an attempt to preserve the house in its original state, such as repairing of window frames, whitewashing interior walls, and reinforcing the lintel over the kitchen fireplace or oven. This was done by local carpenters, with the aid of architect friends.

The original house consisted of the two rooms noted as Living Room and Dining Room. Only the Living Room had a wooden floor when first built. The Living Room was used as a combination Kitchen and Dining Room, and the Dining Room and Attic were used as sleeping quarters.

Several years later the Kitchen and the large fireplace were added. An oven was also built outside the building, on the northwest side, with an oven door opening from the side of the fireplace into the oven proper. This oven has been torn down.

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